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## BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

## IN RE PEANUT CROP INSURANCE LITIGATION

Joey Watford v. Ross J. Davidson, et al., M.D. Alabama, C.A. No. 1:03-153

## CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-1)

On October 26, 2004, the Panel transferred six civil actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard.

It appears that the action on this conditional transfer order involves questions of fact which are common to the actions previously transferred to the Eastern District of North Carolina and assigned to Judge Howard.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), this action is transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Eastern District of North Carolina for the reasons stated in the order of October 26, 2004, F.Supp.2d\_\_\_\_ (J.P.M.L. 2004), and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Malcolm J. Howard.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed fifteen (15) days from the entry thereof and if any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this fifteen (15) day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

FOR THE PANEL:

Clerk of the Panel

**EXHIBIT**